

Application No. 09/584,955
Amendment dated 17 February 2006
Reply to Office Action of 10 August 2005

RD-26450/USA

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed 17 November 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

Claims 1, 2, 4-18 and 20 were previously pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2 and 4-13. The Examiner has allowed Claims 14-18 and 20. With the above amendment, the Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 2 and 4-13. The only remaining Claims pending in the case have been allowed by the Examiner. With these amendments, the Applicant believes that all of the Examiner's rejections have been addressed (as will be discussed further below). Reconsideration of this claim set as amended is respectfully requested.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicant submits that the case is in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully requests such action. If any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below so that a resolution can be most effectively reached.

Respectfully submitted,



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